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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Samoa Pulp Mill Removal Site, Samoa, CA; Notice of Proposed CERCLA Settlement
Agreement for Recovery of Past Response Costs

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement with Humboldt Bay Harbor, Conservation and Recreation District for recovery of response costs concerning the Samoa Pulp Mill Superfund Site in Samoa, California. The settlement is entered into pursuant to Section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1), and it requires the settling party to reimburse EPA based on any salvage of fixtures at the site, including the pulp mill boiler, or on any sale of the real property that is the site. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling party pursuant to Sections 106 or 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 or 9607(a). For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this Notice in the Federal Register, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations that indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

DATES: Pursuant to Section 122(i) of CERCLA, EPA will receive written comments relating to this proposed settlement until [insert date 30 days after publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from J. Andrew Helmlinger, EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, ORC-3, San Francisco, CA 94105, telephone number 415-972-3904. Comments should reference the Samoa Pulp Mill Superfund Site, Samoa, California and should be addressed to Mr. Helmlinger at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Andrew Helmlinger, Assistant Regional Counsel (ORC-3), Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; phone: (415) 972-3904; fax: (415) 947-3570; e-mail:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Parties to the Proposed Settlement:* Humboldt Bay Harbor, Conservation and Recreation District

Dated: August 31, 2015.

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